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December, 1946

Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945, 1946 and 1947

	Beverages	Margarine and butter	Fresh fruits & vegetables	Meats	Butter	Cheese	Eggs	Poultry dressed	Canned milk	Canned food stuffs	Total
Estimated cars, January 1947	20,801	350	87,259	26,366	2,171	2,692	2,830	2,678	4,277	38,352	187,776
Number cars shipped January 1946	21,221	343	83,916	28,758	1,542	1,819	3,011	2,880	4,364	37,600	185,454
Percentage increase or decrease	-2.0	2.0	4.0	-8.3	40.8	48.0	-6.0	-7.0	-2.0	2.0	1.2
Estimated cars, February 1947	19,815	347	75,835	25,454	1,822	2,248	2,601	1,506	4,281	36,702	170,611
Number cars shipped February 1946	20,858	274	73,924	28,171	1,294	1,520	2,738	1,585	4,391	35,473	170,228
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	26.6	2.6	-9.6	40.8	47.9	-5.0	-5.0	-2.5	3.5	0.2
Estimated cars, March 1947	20,479	339	84,034	31,837	1,698	2,458	3,222	1,345	5,193	35,139	185,744
Number cars shipped March 1946	20,330	334	86,130	27,758	1,209	1,658	3,464	1,416	5,299	34,116	181,714
Percentage increase or decrease	0.7	1.5	2.4	14.7	40.4	48.2	-7.0	-5.0	-2.0	3.0	2.2
Estimated cars, April 1946	16,227	500	90,207	26,529	1,572	1,160	4,441	1,573	6,665	37,029	185,903
Number cars shipped April 1945	20,656	405	75,264	27,265	2,212	1,957	4,397	1,505	6,784	36,410	176,855
Percentage increase or decrease	-21.4	23.4	19.8	-2.7	-28.9	-40.7	1.0	4.5	-1.8	1.7	5.1
Estimated cars, May 1946	17,228	311	87,199	25,423	1,827	1,623	5,150	1,525	8,567	30,133	178,986
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,157	28,687	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	29,114	180,206
Percentage increase or decrease	-16.3	-21.1	7.4	-11.4	-24.7	-14.2	-1.0	0.0	-7.1	3.5	-0.7
Estimated cars, June 1946	16,964	228	90,334	19,577	2,145	2,097	5,669	1,681	8,675	33,960	181,330
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,324	29,501	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741	32,654	183,372
Percentage increase or decrease	-12.8	18.1	13.9	-33.6	-30.2	6.2	4.2	-16.5	-10.9	4.0	-1.1
Estimated cars, July 1946	19,349	427	85,268	39,760	2,556	1,867	4,591	2,147	7,593	34,684	198,242
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	389	79,383	32,357	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	186,871
Percentage increase or decrease	-6.2	9.8	7.4	22.9	-18.5	-12.5	-8.4	0.0	-13.8	5.5	6.1

	Margarine and		Fresh fruits &		Meats		Butter		Cheese		Eggs		Poultry dressed		Canned milk		Canned food stuffs		Total
	Beverages	/2	butterine	/3	vegetables	/4	/5	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/6	/6	
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,923		522		72,670		31,258		2,386		2,118		4,282		2,423		6,479	35,660	178,721
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982		551		72,111		31,449		2,763		2,540		4,649		2,347		7,354	33,484	179,230
Percentage increase or decrease	-4.8		-5.3		0.8		-0.6		-13.6		-16.6		-7.9		3.2		-11.9	6.5	-0.3
Estimated cars, September 1946	22,989		380		79,087		19,508		1,967		2,054		3,664		2,700		5,475	39,841	177,665
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492		380		86,920		29,247		1,880		2,542		3,843		2,635		5,824	36,186	190,949
Percentage increase or decrease	7.0		0.0		-9.9		-33.3		4.6		-19.2		-4.7		2.5		-6.0	10.1	-7.0
Estimated cars, October 1946	25,666		641		90,200		27,710		1,785		1,917		4,303		3,747		4,398	43,953	204,320
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334		590		100,744		30,201		1,635		1,860		3,485		3,569		4,664	42,952	214,034
Percentage increase or decrease	5.5		8.6		-10.5		-8.2		9.2		3.1		23.5		5.0		-5.7	2.3	-4.5
Estimated cars, November 1946	21,945		424		72,104		29,144		1,675		2,011		4,505		5,182		4,198	46,852	188,040
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100		390		81,625		35,668		1,695		2,063		3,165		4,959		4,419	44,200	201,284
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0		8.7		-11.7		-18.3		-1.2		-2.5		42.3		4.5		-5.0	6.0	-6.6
Estimated cars, December 1946	22,617		410		74,212		31,579		1,480		1,292		2,923		4,856		4,113	41,381	184,863
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807		377		74,446		35,338		1,623		1,643		2,669		4,845		4,316	40,570	189,634
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0		8.8		-0.3		-10.6		-8.8		-21.4		9.5		0.2		-4.7	2.0	-2.5

1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for April 1945 and for January, February and March 1946.

3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in April 1945 and in January, February and March 1946.

4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. December 1946, January, February and March 1947 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments.

5 In April 1945 and January, February and March 1946 this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210,220 and 222 carloads originated less canned meats.

6 The other 8 months of 1945, 9 months of 1946 and January, February and March 1947 are estimates on the same basis.

7 In April 1945 and January, February and March 1946 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk.

The other 8 months of 1945, 9 months of 1946 and January, February and March 1947 are estimates of the same movement.

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